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SUBJ: THAI INVITATION TO HANOI TO ATTEND ASEAN MEETING TO BE  
CONVEYED BY INDONESIA

SUMMARY: INDONESIA HAS AGREED TO CONVEY AN INVITATION  
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF  
NORTH VIET NAM TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING ASEAN  
MINISTERIAL MEETING AT PATTAYA, APRIL 16-18, AS AN  
OBSERVER, ALONG THE OTHER INDOCHINA NATIONS AND  
BURMA, WHICH WILL ALSO BEEN INVITED. THE REQUEST FOR  
INDONESIA TO SERVE AS AN INTERMEDIARY WITH HANOI WAS  
CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO APRIL 7 BY THAI DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CHOONHAVEN DURING THE LATTER'S  
FOUR- DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA, APRIL 6-9. DURING THE VISIT,  
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CHARTCHAI ALSO RATIFIED A CONTINENTAL SHELVES TREATY BETWEEN INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND AND CONVEYED AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO VISIT THAILAND. THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY

1. CHARTCHAI TOLD JOURNALISTS ON HIS ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA APRIL 6 THAT, AS HOST FOR THE APPROACHING ASEAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, THAILAND PLANNED TO INVITE KHMER, LAOS, SOUTH VIETNAM AND BURMA TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS, AS WELL AS NORTH VIETNAM BECAUSE OF " THE DESIRE FOR CLOSER AND FIRMER RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA". HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT " NO ONE KNEW" WHETHER OR NOT THE OTHER NATIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN ASEAN.

2. ACCORDING TO DAILY KOMPAS APRIL 7, INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK, COMMENTING LATER ON THE THAI REQUEST, SAID INDONESIA WOULD CONVEY THE THAI INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ASEAN MEETING TO HANOI, BUT " WHETHER OR NOT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION WAS ANOTHER MATTER. ". HE HINTED THAT IT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DIFFICULT FOR NORTH VIET TO ACCEPT BEFORE PEACE WAS REALLY ACHIEVED IN VIET NAM.

3. ON APRIL 7, CHARTCHAI AND MALIK SIGNED INSTRUMENTS RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND THE ANDAMAN SEA. IT WAS THE FINAL ACT OF INDONESIAN AND THAI ACCESSION TO THE TREATY WHICH WAS SIGNED ON DECEMBER 17, 1971 BY INDONESIA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

4. AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 7, MALIK AND CHARTCHAI SAID SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY AND FOR SOLVING THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, AND THAT INCREASED ASEAN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WOULD SUPPORT PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA. CONCERNING INDOCHINA, THE CALLED FOR GREATER ADHERENCE TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND SAID THEY WERE " VERY WORRIED" ABOUT THE SITUATION IN KHMER, CALLING FOR A SOLUTION BY THE KHMER THEMSELVES, FREE FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. CHARTCHAI SAID HE HAD CONVEYED AN INVITATION FROM THAI PRIME MINISTER THANOM TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO VISIT THAILAND IN THE FUTURE. GALBRAITH  
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